

**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION:
UFO AND ENTITY SIGHTING ON MCGUIRE AFB, JANUARY 18, 1978**

by
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BACKGROUND

This investigation was opened as a result of a meeting between Dr. Colm Kelleher and Jerry Rolwes, whom Dr. Kelleher met at a seminar. Mr. Rolwes informed Dr. Kelleher of a specific investigation into a 1978 encounter with an alien and UFOs at McGuire AFB, New Jersey, conducted by Leonard Stringfield (Attachment 1) and continued by George Filer (Attachment 2) after Mr. Stringfield's death. Mr. Rolwes suggested that NIDS might be interested in pursuing this case using our resources.

ASSIGNMENT

Dr. Kelleher presented this case to me on July 18, 2000, and directed that I compile as much as possible about the incident.

RESEARCH

On July 19, 2000, I faxed a FOIA request to A1C Bartohn R. Hall, Information Manager for the 305 CS/SCBR (FOIA) office on McGuire AFB. I outlined the alleged facts of the case and asked for any formal reports of investigation by the Security Police and the OSI, and daily blotters generated by Central Security Control and Law Enforcement.

On July 24, 2000, A1C Hall responded to my FOIA request, (Attachment 3) and informed me that certain specific language had to be included in the FOIA request. I made the corrections and resubmitted the request (Attachment 4). On July 25, 2000, I refined the information I was requesting and faxed it to him. This however, is a long shot. In the Leonard Stringfield MUFON report I found a letter from Theresa Colby, FOIA Manager, dated January 1, 1985, explaining to Mr. Stringfield that all DD Form 1569's for the needed period had been destroyed. Another letter from the office of the Fort Dix Provost Marshal stated the same thing in even more detail, including daily blotters and journals in the list of items destroyed.

On July 21, 2000, I called Mr. White, the McGuire AFB, Base Historian and asked for unit rosters, base newspaper articles, and anything else of value. Mr. White explained that his office did not maintain unit rosters and there were no newspapers, for the period in question. He was able to provide some names of key personnel on the base in 1978, specifically:

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| 1. | Col. | James Gardner Jr. | Wing Commander |
| 2. | Col. | Kenneth S. Landon | Base Commander |
| 3. | Lt Col. | Francis M. Mazurkiewicz | 438 th Security Police Squadron Commander. |

Mr. White also provided the Security Police Squadron designation, the 438th, which was previously unknown.

The only tangible piece of evidence provided to NIDS to support this case is a copy of a DD Form 1569, INCIDENT/COMPLAINT FORM, apparently completed by the 438th Security Police documenting the incident. Most names on the form have been whited out, leaving only the first and last initials of each name. On the form we had Col Landon, but not his first name until it was provided by Mr. White. Lt Col. Francis Mazurkiewicz' name matches the initials on the form also.

On August 3, 2000, I sent an e-mail to the National Archives at College Park, Maryland, requesting the names of specific key personnel on McGuire AFB in 1978. (Attachment 5).

On August 14, 2000, the National Archives responded to my request, saying that the National Archives did not maintain modern military records. They said, "We have few records dated so recently and virtually none for individual Air Force installations after World War II." (Attachment 6).

On August 3, 2000, I sent an e-mail, (Attachment 7), to the Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, requesting microfilm for certain units at McGuire AFB in 1978, specifically: 21st Air Force / 438th Military Airlift Wing / 438th Security Police Squadron / AFOSI Detachment 413 / 438th Air Base Group / 1361st Audio Visual Squadron / and the 4952nd Test Wing, Air Material Command.

On August 3, 2000, I searched the Internet and printed four maps of the McGuire AFB / Fort Dix area and surrounding vicinity. (Attachment 8).

On August 5, 2000, I printed out several pages of satellite photos of McGuire AFB and Fort Dix and put them together to create a satellite image wall map of the area. I also printed out a topographical map of McGuire AFB and Fort Dix to be used in conjunction with the satellite map.

On August 7, 2000, I received a letter from Captain Scott A. Stevens, USAF, Information Systems Flight Commander, in response to my FOIA request. In his letter he said, "After a thorough search by the OPR, there were no records found." (Attachment 9).

On August 14, 2000 I studied the material sent to NIDS by a well known UFO researcher and found fifteen names of people who were at McGuire AFB on the date of the incident. I began an Internet phone directory search to try and locate some of the listed names. Using Internet resources I found three references to SOURCE 1 in the United States. SOURCE 1 was a high-ranking official on McGuire AFB at the time of the incident. On the third call I found SOURCE 1, a former commander of a McGuire AFB Squadron.

On August 15, 2000, at 1730 hrs, I called SOURCE 1, the former Commander of a McGuire AFB Squadron. SOURCE 1 confirmed that he was a Squadron commander at McGuire AFB on January 18, 1978. He denied any knowledge of the incident. He said that he was never briefed on any such incident, nor did he ever hear any "scuttlebutt" about it. SOURCE 1 did say that he was very high up in the chain of command and that it was

possible that he just never had a need to be informed of the incident, if it did occur. He did not remember the name of George Filer. He believes that Brigadier General Brown, listed on the DD Form 1569, might have been the 21st Air Force Vice Commander. SOURCE 1 does not have a specific memory of what he was doing or where he was on the date of the incident.

On August 15, 2000, using 555-1212.com.inc, Infobel.com, and the Morse Ancestry Web page I found ten Jim or James Morse's listed in the United States. The next day, I called all ten of the names and made contact with six. None of the six was the Morse we are looking for.

On August 16, 2000, I called SOURCE 1 and re-interviewed him. The information he provided is essentially the following:

SOURCE 1 said he was the only squadron commander on base. He was the commander of a specific squadron. There was no other commander either above or below him in the chain of command. The only possible exception might be the Air National Guard unit on base, which could have its own command structure. The Air National Guard had its own permanent contingent at their end of the base. Gate 5, which is on Texas Street, would have been right next to the Air National Guard complex. (Gate 5 is where the incident was supposed to have occurred). It is adjacent to Fort Dix. SOURCE 1 did not recall the name of Jim Morse. He did not recall a 1st Lt. S.W. He said he didn't have any officers in charge of flights. He used NCO's as his flight commanders. He had officers as shift supervisors, but they were not connected to any flights. All personnel in his squadron reported to SOURCE 1. SOURCE 1 reported only to the base commander, Col. Landon. SOURCE 1 was still familiar with the DD Form 1569. He did not know why his name or initials would be on the 1569 in our possession. He said he absolutely would never have been listed as an investigator in the incident. He was the person any investigator would report to.

I read the narrative of the incident to him. He said there is no way anything like that was ever brought to his attention. Something of that magnitude would have been reported to him. When I pointed out that under category 11, Evaluation, this incident was categorized as "Unfounded," SOURCE 1 said that sounded suspicious because they never listed a category on the 1569's. The security police only recorded the known facts and then sent the 1569 on to the commander for evaluation. He became convinced that the 1569 in our possession was actually an army form. He said he is the one who would have signed the form, as the commander. But the signature we have on our 1569 is not his. While he was at McGuire AFB, there became a requirement for an advisor for 21st Air Force. SOURCE 1 took that job, leaving his job as the squadron commander. This didn't occur until after the date of the incident. I asked SOURCE 1 if he ever associated with General Sadler. He said that he worked for him personally, he was an advisor to General Sadler. SOURCE 1 checked his records and verified that in January of 1978, he was still the Squadron Commander. Concerning the narrative of the incident that I read to him, SOURCE 1 said that just the fact of security police or military police discharging a firearm, would have made news, "Up and down the pike." SOURCE 1 said that after speaking to me the day before his wife reminded him that he had been asked about these things before, several

years ago. He did not remember the name of the previous interviewer, but thought it might have been George Filer.

On August 17, 2000, I spoke to the McGuire AFB Public Affairs officer who told me that the Air National Guard unit at McGuire AFB is the 108th Air Refueling Wing.

On August 17, 2000, I spoke to Captain Denise Waggoner, 108th Air National Guard Public Affairs officer. Captain Waggoner explained that in 1978 there were two Air National Guard security police squadrons; the 170th SPS and the 108th SPS. She said that at that time they might have been consolidated as one operating unit. She also verified that gate 5, on Texas Street is within the 108th boundaries. Captain Waggoner said she would research the units and the incident.

On August 28, 2000, I found a former McGuire AFB, AFOSI Commander in the AFOSISA directory, and called him at his home. His name was provided to me by SOURCE 1, as a former OSI Detachment Commander at McGuire AFB. The former commander confirmed that he was a detachment commander at McGuire AFB, but not in 1978. The former commander did not arrive at McGuire AFB until 1980 or 1981. He never heard of the incident.

On August 28, 2000, I found the other detachment commander mentioned by SOURCE 1, also in the AFOSISA directory. His listed home phone number turned out to be incorrect. When I called his work address a recorded message by him said that he was retiring. There was no forwarding information.

On September 6, 2000, I conducted research on the Internet and found a new home address and phone number for the other former McGuire AFB, AFOSI commander.

On September 6, 2000, I called Captain Waggoner. She said that she had interviewed a Sgt. Morse of the 438th Security Forces, who told her that he remembered no such incident occurring in 1978. Captain Waggoner said there is no record on base or at the Security Forces Squadron of an Airman Morse, ever. Morse told Waggoner that the National Guard Security Police, the 108th and the 170th, would not have provided coverage around the clock. He said that at night the security would be handled by the 438th, unless the National Guard units were having an exercise.

On September 6, 2000, I conducted research on the Internet and found the phone numbers for 67 John Samuels across the United States. John Samuels is the name of the Fort Dix Army MP who allegedly shot the unknown entity at McGuire AFB. I called all 67 numbers and made contact with 33 John Samuels. None of them was the John Samuels in question.

On September 27 and 28, 2000, I continued calling the numbers for various John Samuels. All but 25 of the original 67 have been contacted now with negative results.

On 9-29-00, I called the former OSI Detachment commander at McGuire in 1978. After leaving the OSI in 1980, He went to work for private enterprise and worked there until this year. The former OSI commander said that he never heard of anything remotely resembling a UFO sighting or shooting incident involving an alien while he was at

McGuire AFB. By 1978 the former OSI commander had already been in the OSI for seventeen years. As Detachment Commander he would have known about any such report of UFO or alien sighting. The former OSI commander knew of SOURCE 1, but did not recall the name of George Filer.

On 10-03-00, I spoke to retired Col. Landon, the former base commander at McGuire AFB in 1978. I specifically asked Col. Landon if there was a UFO sighting or shooting incident involving an alien at McGuire AFB while he was there. He said there was not. Col. Landon was certain that if something like that had occurred, he would have known about it in his capacity as base commander. Col. Landon did not recall Major George Filer.

CONCLUSION

This case was opened on July 18, 2000, and is considered pending. The case was based upon alleged sightings of UFO's and an alien on McGuire AFB in January 1978. Extensive research was conducted by NIDS Staff, including but not limited to:

1. FOIA request to McGuire AFB.
2. Interview of McGuire AFB Historian.
3. Correspondence with the National Archives.
4. Correspondence with the Air Force Historical Research Agency.
5. Compilation of maps and satellite photos of McGuire AFB and vicinity.
6. Correspondence with George Filer.
7. Data Base research to locate SOURCE 1.
8. Several interviews of SOURCE 1, former Squadron Commander.
9. Data Base research to locate Jim Morse.
10. Phone calls to nine Morse's.
11. Interview of Capt. Denise Waggoner, 108th Air National Guard Public Affairs Officer.
12. Interview of a former OSI Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB.
13. Interview of a former OSI Detachment Commander, McGuire AFB.
14. Data Base research to locate John Samuels.
15. Phone calls to sixty-seven Samuels.
16. Interview of Col. Kenneth Landon, former base commander, McGuire AFB.
17. Interview of an Air Force Commander, McGuire AFB.

The four main people on the base in 1978 who should have known of a UFO sighting were interviewed. None of them claim to know anything about the alleged sighting or alien close encounter.

Until the discovery of eyewitnesses, the locating of Jim Morse, or other evidence, this case is pending.